(ख) जैसा कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा सूचित किया गया है, मध्य प्रदेश में होस्टल भवनों के निर्माण की वर्तमान लागत, प्रति सवासी 40,000 रुपये हैं ।

(ग) योजना आयोग की परामर्श से निर्माण की सीमा दरों के संशोधन का प्रस्ताव, विचाराधीन है ।

Report of the task force on adoption

2267. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the task force constituted by Government under the Chairmanship of Mr. P. N. Bhagwati to revise and reformulate the guidelines relating to all aspects of adoption has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANKA BALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the Report are given in the annexed statement (See below).

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

The salient features of the main recommendations made by the Task Force are as follows:—

(i) The original application documents for adoption of Indian child may be submitted by the foreign enlisted agencies directly to the recognised Indian placement agency with a photo-copy to CARA. The CARA has to furnish the clearance certificate within the time frame viz. five weeks from the date of the receipt of the application to the concerned placement agncy. As per existing guidelines the foreign enlisted agencies are required to forward required application and documents to CARA.

(ii) CARA may be registered under the Societies Registration Act and it shall be an autosomous body. In the exercise of its functions and powers it shall be independent of any control or interference by the Government of India save and except in regard to matters of policy where it shall be bound to act in conformity with and in implementation of such policy decision of the Government of India.

Role of the State Government/ UT Admns

The State Government shall maintain a list of children's homes and adoption agencies working in the State. They shall also form an Advisory Committee on adoption to effectively supervise the adoption work and to carry-out the Inspection of the adoption agencies.

Role of recognised Indian agencies for adoption

The placement agencies shall make all out efforts to place a child in an Indian family accordingly to a timeframe. The Voluntary Coordinating Agencies shall issue necessary clearance certificate in favour of a placement agency for pursuing intercountry adoption only if they fail to find an Indian family for the adoptive child.

Recognition of Indias Agencies

The State Government shall submit its recommendation on the application of renewal submitted by the

placement agencies to the Central Adoption Resource Agency within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the application. In the absence of any recommendation from the State Government within the time frame the concurrence of the State Government will be presumed by the Central Adoption Resource Agency and the application will be processed by Central Adaption Resource Agency for grant of recognition within a maximum period of two months. If no response is received from the Central Adaption Resource Agency to the application by the placement agency within a further maximum period of two months or before the expiry of the recognition of the agency whichever is later, the renewal shall be deemed to have been granted for a period of two years.

Enlistment of foreign agencies for adoption

(i) The request from the foreign agencies for the enlistment for the purpose of inter-country adoption shall be routed through the Indian Embassies/High Commission in their country. The recommendation of the Indian Embassies/High Commissions in their country will be taken into account while considering the request of the foreign agencies for enlistment by the Central Adoption Resource Agency.

Role of Voluntary Coordination Agencies

A time period for 60 days instead of 30 days shall be given to V.C.A. for putting their best efforts to place the child within the country and in case they fail they shall issue necessary clearance certificate to the placement agencies within a maximum period of 60 days.

Role of Scrutinising Agencies

The Court may appoint any agency, being a body of experts in the field of child care and welfare not in itself involved in any manner in the placement of children in adoption as a scrutinising agency. The Court shall have the power to appoint any other scrutinising agency recognised by CARA depending upon the situation.

Miscellaneous

It will be desirable for the Government of India to enter into bilateral agreement with countries which are receiving children from India for the purpose of adoption and such bilateral agreements should provide for full coordination between the appropriate authorities of India and the receiving State and also for protection and safeguarding of the welfare of the children taken for adoption in the receiving State.

Recommendations of the Task Force are under examination in the Ministry of Welfare.

नेत्रहीन के लिए प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र

2268. **श्री प्यांकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कुल कितने व्यक्ति नेत्रहीन हैं और उनके लिये किन-किन स्थानों पर प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र खोले गये हैं; और

(ख) क्या नेत्रहीन बालिकाओं के लिये कोई पृथक प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र हैं; यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय नमूना सर्वेक्षण संगठन द्वारा 1981 में संचालित नमूना सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार देश में दृष्टिहीन व्यक्तियों की कुल संख्या 3.47 मीलियन है । उन संस्थानों की राज्य-वार सूची जहां दृष्टिहीन व्यक्तियों के लिये शैक्षिणिक और प्रशिक्षण केन्द्रों की स्थापना की गई है, विवरण–1 पर है । दृष्टिहीन लड़कियों के लिये ऐसे शैक्षणिक और प्रशिक्षण केन्द्रों की सूची विवरण–2 पर दी गई है ।